

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were presented and examined. Claims 1-8 are rejected. In response, Claims 1-8 are amended, no claims are cancelled, and no claims are added. Claims 1-8 remain in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow.

Objection to the Claims

Claims 1 and 8 are objected to as containing a misspelling. Claims 1 and 8 are amended herein. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 6, 7, and 8 are objected to as being in improper form. Claims 3, 6, 7, and 8 are amended herein. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,719,631 to Tulley, et al. ("Tulley").

Claim 1, as amended, recites a personal interface portable device for electronic card games, including a thin display screen and a tactile detection faceplate, control circuits, and an interface. The control circuits and the interface being capable in cooperation with said central system of displaying a set of cards on said screen, selecting a card among said displayed cards, and extracting a selected card from the set, causing said selected card to be displayed on said central system display screen or to be transferred to a set of cards displayed in an identical device of another user. This feature is supported by the specification at page 2, lines 28-29 and page 4, lines 2-7.

The selection and extraction of a graphic item such as a card from a set of cards for display on a central system display screen or for transfer to another portable device is not disclosed or suggested in Tulley.

Rather, Tulley discloses a PDA 202 that uses a portion of its display screen to display event results to a player (FIG. 12). Tulley also discloses that the PDA includes an input device that may be used by the player to input event parameters (e.g., a total time period) and/or to play a game (e.g., a game during which event results are revealed). However, there is nothing in Tulley that discloses the selection and extraction of a card from a set of cards for display on a central system display screen or for transfer to another portable device.

Further, a person skilled in the art would not be motivated by Tulley to provide, in addition to portable devices used for playing cards, a central system with a display, which allows graphic items selected and extracted by a user of a portable device to be displayed on the central system display. Tulley does not teach or suggest the use of a portable device in cooperation with a central system having a display screen. Thus, Tulley does not teach or suggest each of the elements of amended Claims 1 and 8, as well as dependent claims 2-7.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Claims 1-8 are non-obvious over Tulley. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-8 is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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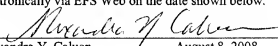
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